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WINNERS: Members of Southend Pier Information Centre, Sue Sanders, Lauraine Lucas and Frances Davis toast the win.

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## SOUTHEND'S VISITORS CENTRE NAMED BEST IN THE COUNTRY

By Paul Giles

SOUTHEND'S Visitor Information Centre is officially the best in the country.

The Centre, based at Southend Pier won the coveted title of Tourist Information Centre of Year at the Essex Tourism Awards.

Competition was tough with many of Essex's high quality attractions and accommodations battling it out for the top slots.

Southend Council's Councillor for culture and tourism, Derek Jarvis, said the centre had deservedly won the award 'for going the extra mile'.

He said: "It is this ability to provide knowledgeable, friendly advice about events and the best places to visit that helps visitors make the most of their trips."

"The Centre can also provide tickets to local events, as well as offering a range of maps, guides and transport timetables."

"Congratulations to all who have contributed to helping the Visitor Information Centre win this award. It recognises all the hard-work put into the Centre every day, so the staff there should feel very proud."

"They always strive to provide the best service they can, helping visitors get the most out of Southend, and doing their best to ensure they have as enjoyable a time as possible, by offering visitors as many options as they can give."

"Recently they have helped promote the Pier Ghost train ride along with the associated spooky activities - to such an extent that all tickets were swiftly sold out."

"Staff are now gearing up to let people know about the forthcoming arrival of Santa and his helpers at Southend Pier."

The trophy was presented to the centre by Southend Mayor, Councillor David Norman, on Monday.

### Pretty in pink

STAFF at Chase High School wore pink outfits last Friday to raise money for Breast Cancer Care.

They donated £2 each to raise money for the charity, raising £150.

Headteacher Victoria Overy said: "We wanted to have fun with our colleagues and hold this event to show our support for anyone who has been affected by breast cancer. I would like to thank all staff who took part and showed their generosity."

### Purse stolen

AN 82-year-old woman had her purse stolen from inside her handbag, while she shopped in Waitrose, London Road, Leigh.

The incident happened between 11am and 12.30pm last Wednesday, with the purse containing cash and cards with an estimated total value of more than £70.

Anyone with information about this theft is asked to contact PC Dan Bray at Leigh Police Station on 101.

### Pier Pressure

CYCLE Southend has organised a special event to help people get back on their bikes.

The Pier Pressure event will consist of timed races and team sprints on Sunday, December 11 from 12pm to 4pm.

There will be categories for all age groups and abilities, with registrations needed by Wednesday, November 30.

To register call 01702 215338, or e-mail [cyclesouthend@southend.gov.uk](mailto:cyclesouthend@southend.gov.uk)

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**NEW:** Harvey Wells, Kaiyim Smith, Zac Mahoney, Michaelle Cheung and Bill Tempelton who signed the wall board at Hinguar Primary School in Shoebury.

Picture by Mark Cleveland

# School focuses on outside learning with new building

By Paul Giles

WORK on a new £6.9 million school started last week in Southend.

The Hinguar Primary School, will move from its current location in Hinuagr Street, Shoeburyness, to a location a third of a mile away in Gunners Park.

Work on the new school is due to be completed in June 2012, enabling staff to take possession of the building before the end of the summer term.

This will help staff support the transition for pupils, staff and parents from the old school into the new school.

Headteacher Viv Stevens said the new school would have a greater focus on outside learning.

She said: "We're very pleased we're going to have this new building.

"There is going to be lots of opportunities for the children to explore the outdoors."

The new build will have a pond where children can take part in pond

dipping and wildlife exercises and an outdoor amphitheatre.

Pupils will also have a football pitch that they didn't have at the old school.

Mrs Stevens added: "There will be the chance to use mobile technology and the children will be able to take pictures of wildlife.

"In our old building we couldn't do that because the brick structure wouldn't allow us to.

"We'll be bringing the school up to state of the art. We are so fortunate to have this new building within

Southend."

The new building will serve families living on the new Garrison housing development in addition to the existing school community in Shoeburyness.

"We will make sure the building will meet not just the needs of the children and staff but the local community," said Mrs Stevens.

"We will make sure if there is the need we will open the school to the community within the conditions of the planning agreement."

What do you think? Write to Yellow Advertiser, Acorn House, Great Oaks, Basildon, Essex, SS14 1AH, or e-mail letters@yellowad.co.uk

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### Office ablaze

AN OFFICE in Towerfield Road, Shoeburyness, caught alight last Wednesday at 6.54am.

The office was 25 per cent smoke logged when crews arrived.

Firefighters used one hose reel and dry powder to put the fire out by 7.20am.

Crews also used a thermal image camera to check for any remaining hotspots.

### Church building fire

AN INVESTIGATION into a fire in a church building has been launched by the Fire Service.

The blaze in the building next to St Georges Church, in Ness Road, Southend, happened on Sunday, October 30, at 5.58am.

Crews used two hose reels to tackle the fire by 7.10am.

The cause of the fire is unknown.

### Window smashed

THE FRONT window of Belfairs News, in Eastwood Road North, Leigh, was smashed at some point between Monday, October 24 and last Tuesday.

The damage is around £800.

Anyone with information about this criminal damage is asked to contact PC Dan Bray at Leigh Police Station on 101.

### Flare found

EXPLOSIVE experts have disposed of a military flare found by a Canvey schoolboy on his front garden.

The Colchester 11 EOD Regiment of the British Army's Royal Logistic Corps have destroyed a Schermuly flare after Lewis Dove stumbled upon the device.

The 12-year-old, of Laars Avenue, found the explosive before informing ex-military father, Kevin, 43, who contacted Essex Police.

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# New children's centre open



OPEN: Clare Bullivant, centre manager Caroline Thornton and Vi Baldwin outside the Sure Start Children's Centre.

Picture by Mark Cleveland

By Paul Giles

A NEW Sure Start Children's Centre was officially opened last week.

The Prince Avenue Children and Family Centre offers health and family support services for newborns to children up to five in the Prittlewell and St Laurence areas.

Councillor for children and learning, Mark Flewitt, explained the centre would give vital help and support to families and children from their

earliest years.

He said: "It is an excellent community resource, which will continue to consult local people about the services which will best suit them."

The centre was developed in partnership with Southend-on-Sea Borough Council and Prince Avenue Primary and Nursery School, and was specifically designed to support the community's needs.

To make sure it continues to do this, feedback from ongoing consultations

will play a vital role in determining future child and family services there.

The new centre is part of an initiative to ensure that every child has the best start in life, and will provide access to high quality seamless health and advisory services under one roof.

Headteacher William Hill said the governing body of the school had always recognised the importance of serving the community in the wider sense.

He said: "Everyone associated with Prince Avenue is delighted with this fantastic new facility.

"It will allow us to provide the very best service for all children and families in the area.

"With the addition of the Children and Family Centre, together with the extension to the school, we now have a building with the space and resources that every community deserves."

Call 01702 311411 for details.

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### Flat fire investigation

AN INVESTIGATION has been launched into a fire at a flat in Chancellor Road, Southend.

Two firecrews were called to the ground floor property at 5.49pm last Wednesday.

They used two sets of breathing apparatus and used one hose reel to extinguish the fire by 6.16pm.

### ...and here too

FIREFIGHTERS were called to the 13th floor of Chiltern flats, Coleman Street, in Southend, last Wednesday.

Five crews attended the scene at 4.59pm and used two breathing apparatus and one main jet to extinguish the fire at 5.18pm.

### Health show

A SHOW based on health advice is taking place in Rayleigh.

The Community Health and Wellbeing Show is being organised by Rayleigh, Rochford and District Association for Voluntary Service on Thursday, November 17, from 10am to 2pm.

For more information on the free event call 01268-772796 or e-mail rrvs@rrvs.org.uk.

### Rayleigh heritage

A HERITAGE notice board will be installed in Rayleigh.

Peggy Corbett, chairman of Rayleigh Town Council, will unveil the board near the Millennium Clock on Friday, November 18.

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**PREVIEW: Dave Woodcock, who will be playing the first night at the new venue, and Dave Anton, founding member of the Preview Club.**  
Picture by Mark Celveland

## Club on the move

AFTER almost 30 years, it's all change for one of Essex's most famous and influential live music clubs.

The Preview Club is moving from its old base in The Spread Eagle Pub, in Victoria Avenue, to Prittlewell's Royal Naval Association (RNA) Club, in East Street, this Friday.

The club has been successfully showcasing new and established live musical talent from across the region, free of charge, since it was first established in 1984.

David Anton, the man behind the Preview Club, is excited about the move and that it would

be the best thing that has happened to the club for years.

He explained: "The RNA has a larger room, where we can put in a larger stage, there are cheaper drinks and the members are going to absolutely love it."

"The new venue is just two minutes walk from where we were before and we are getting it all ready to open on Friday."

"The fantastic Dave Woodcock and Friends are going to be our very first act at the new venue, plus we have a host of other wonderful artists, who are all eagerly booking in now, so it's going to be quite some opening night."

The club, which costs just £1 for lifetime membership, operates free every Friday night and offers musicians of all styles and abilities the opportunity to perform two songs to a warm and supportive audience, made up of all of age groups.

Each evening is split into two halves with a main guest act performing at the end of each half, for about 40 minutes.

For further information, or to book a slot to perform at the Preview Club, contact Mr Anton on 01702 341263, e-mail david\_anton41@yahoo.com or visit the club's website at www.previewclub.co.uk

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**S**ciatica "Si-at-ika" is a group of symptoms involving pain in the buttock and back of the leg, only usually one side of the body. In addition to pain there may be any combination of pins & needles, numbness, tingling and muscle weakness in the affected leg or foot.

The true meaning of Sciatica is often misunderstood. The term is merely a group of symptoms and not a diagnosis. This means that if you have been told you have Sciatica, you still have not been given a diagnosis, as the diagnosis is being told what is causing your Sciatica symptoms. Having a correct diagnosis is important because the treatment options for the different causes are very different.

The main causes of Sciatica are:

■ **Spinal disc herniation:** Some people call this a "slipped disc" but what actually happens is the fluid like contents of your spinal disc causes the outer layers of the disc to bulge out. If this bulge is on to a spinal nerve in your lower back, it can cause Sciatica.

■ **Spinal Stenosis:** This is where the hole for your spinal nerve to exit from the spinal canal closes up and puts pressure on the affected nerve, causing Sciatica.

■ **Piriformis Syndrome:** The piriformis is a muscle in your buttock. The Sciatic nerve passes very closely to this muscle and in rare cases passes through the muscle. When this muscle gets tight it can irritate the Sciatic nerve, which can cause Sciatica.

As a Chiropractor, many people come to me with sciatica. Narrowing the symptoms down to a diagnosis involves a thorough case history, an orthopaedic examination to find out where the symptoms are coming from, a neurological examination to find out if and how the nerves are affected and a Chiropractic examination to find out how your spine is functioning.

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# Over 50s club reaches milestone

By Paul Giles

AN OVER 50s club has been celebrating its tenth anniversary.

The Eastwood 50+ Club meets every first Thursday of each month at Saint Laurence Church Hall, in Eastwoodbury Lane.

The aim of the club is to meet and socialise with other people of the same age.

Over the past decade the club has also raised money for a variety of charities.

When the group meet they take part in different activities and have guest speakers come and talk to members.

They also arrange theatre trips, coach outings and boat trips.

Brian Lambert, vice-chairman of the group, said anyone interested in joining the club could just turn up at 2pm on the first Thursday of the month.

He said: "The club is really good for people's social lives."

"I have made a lot of friends through the club."

"Anyone over 50 is more than welcome to come along."

**CUTTING THE CAKE:** Members of 50+ club, Ann Prassling, Doreen Sim, chairman Sue Powney, Brian Lambert and dog Dougie, celebrate the club's tenth birthday.

Picture by Mark Cleveland



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### Let there be light

RESIDENTS have called for additional lighting along a Benfleet path.

People claim the through route from Woodham Road to Benfleet station is in need of extra light.

The request has been raised with Essex County Council Street Lighting and a feasibility report and costings will be reported to Benfleet Neighbourhood Meeting.

### Telephone service

A COUNCIL is bringing its benefit telephone services in-house.

Rochford District Council will not renew contacts with Capita LGS, who will answer enquiries on benefits up until April 1 2012.

The council will spend £85,053 on two full-time employees who will talk to residents from 8.30am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday. Capita LGS offered to renew its contact at a cost of £95,940.

### Council to shut loos

PUBLIC toilets will close across Rochford district.

Rochford District Council has agreed to shut loos in Hockley, Rayleigh, Rochford and Great Wakering. The council currently spends £101,000 cleaning, maintaining and operating public toilets in the district each year.

The toilet in Hockley Woods will remain.

### Core Strategy accepted

FUTURE plans for Rochford district have finally been accepted by Government.

Rochford District Council's Core Strategy has been approved by Government Inspector, Laura Graham.

The Core Strategy will determine how the area will develop over the next 15 years and beyond, addressing issues such as housing, sites for employment development, strategic infrastructure requirements and town centre enhancements.

The council will now have to build 250 new homes each year. In August, the inspector rejected calls from members to suspend the document until December.

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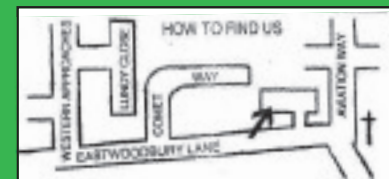
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# Cooking up vegan treats



A LEIGH lady is helping spread the message of Animal Aids vegan month.

Tanya Bahari, from Hadleigh Road, said the best decision she ever made was going vegan.

The mum-of-two explained she had already been a vegetarian for eight years prior to going vegan. She said: "A year ago I visited an animal rights website researching what products are tested on animals and came across a video about sheep farming in Australia.

"The way the animals were treated just astounded me.

"I don't expect everyone to be an animal lover and I'm no crazy cat lady, but what I saw was awful.

"I delved further into the site and learnt the truth about factory farming.

"The next day I went to my local health store and purchased vegan foods.

"My vegan journey had begun."

The 30-year-old loves

making vegan pizza using puff pastry, home-made tomato sauce, sauteed red onion and mushroom drizzled with balsamic vinegar.

Now she has jumped on board with Animal Aid who has produced a cookbook to help people eat more compassionately.

Animal Aid's vegan month co-ordinator, Kelly Slade, said, as a vegan, people could still have their favourite meals and treats.

She said: "Just about every food made from dairy products or eggs has a cruelty-free alternative, and with those products easily available in high street shops and supermarkets, there has never been a better time to give it a go."

The cookbook is available free of charge from [www.govegan.org.uk](http://www.govegan.org.uk) or by calling 01732 364546.

**VEGAN: Tanya Bahari who is promoting being vegan to people.**

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# Art brings families together

By Paul Giles

FAMILIES have been spending time together and exploring different art forms in workshops with professional artists.

The workshops started last month and will run until the end of this month, which will culminate in a two hour long session where participants can showcase their work.

Rosemary Pennington, arts development officer for Southend Council, explained the sessions were open to everyone but particularly aimed at children with disabilities.

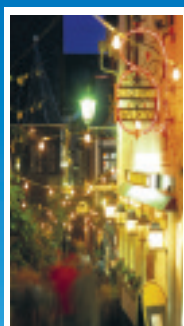
She said: "Three professional artists run the sessions and they work with the families to do the work they would love to create."

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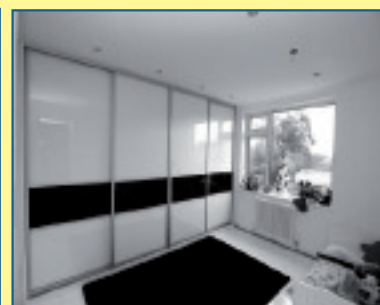
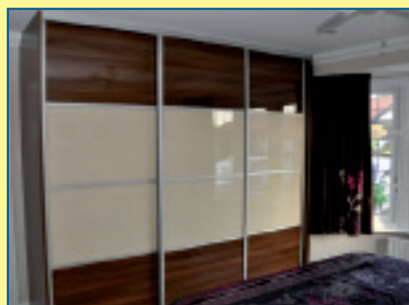
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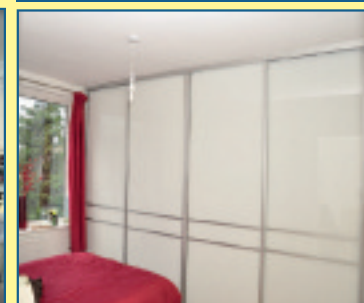


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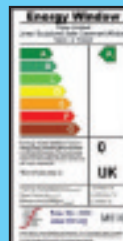
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# Santas on the run

SANTA Claus is coming to town for Little Havens.

The Daws Heath Road hospice has organised a Santa's run around its grounds on Sunday, December 11.

Organisers of the 5k run are still looking for people to enter but they estimate more than 800 will dress up as Father Christmas.

Susie May, Little Havens Children's Hospice events organiser, said: "Everyone taking part will be given their very own Santa suit, including a bushy beard, with children sporting Christmassy head gear.

"We're hoping for 800 Santas to join us this year to help us make it our biggest and best Christmas run yet."

Entry to the 5k run is £12 for adults and £6 for children between the ages of three and 12 years old. Tickets for the Magical Christmas Trail costs £5 per child including tickets to see Santa, plus £1 for accompanying adults.

Registration is open online by visiting [www.havenshospices.org.uk/events](http://www.havenshospices.org.uk/events) or for further details contact Susie May on 017402 220357 or e-mail [smay@havenshospices.org.uk](mailto:smay@havenshospices.org.uk)



**CHRISTMAS:** Susie May, Cerena Ashwell and Sam Ashwell need more Santas for the Little Havens Hospice charity run. Picture by Mark Cleveland

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# Airport plans on Thames revealed

By Paul Giles

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It is also in plans to have connections to Europe and links to key ports.

A new flood barrier could also

be placed across the Thames, harnessing tidal power to create carbon free energy.

The plans come after Foster + Partners, Halcrow and Volterra worked together on a self-funded study to produce a detailed vision for the hub.

Lord Foster, founder and chairman of Foster + Partners who revealed the plans last Wednesday, believed Britain could no longer trade on inadequate and aged infrastructures.

He said: "If we are to establish a modern transport and energy infrastructure in Britain for this century and beyond, we need to

recapture the foresight and political courage of our 19th Century forebears and draw on our traditions of engineering, design and landscape.

"If we don't then we are denying future generations to come."

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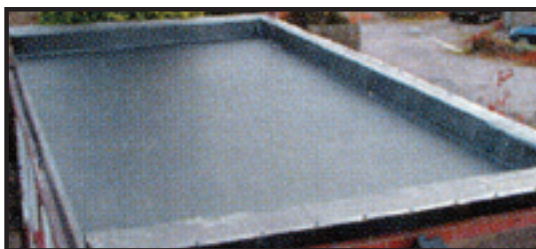
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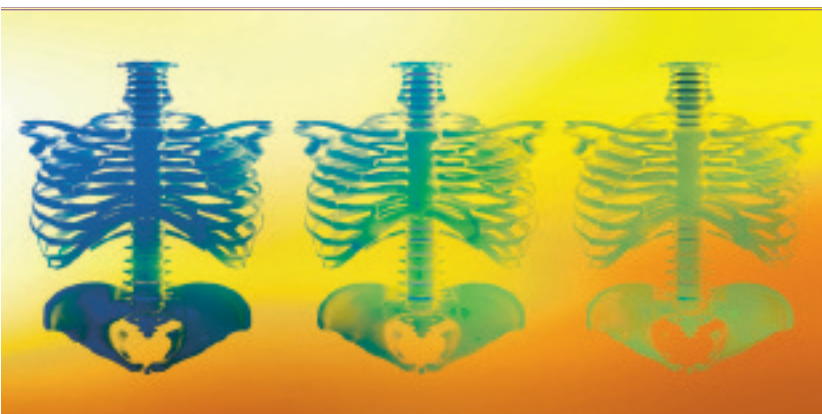


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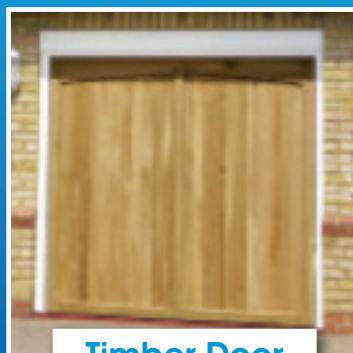


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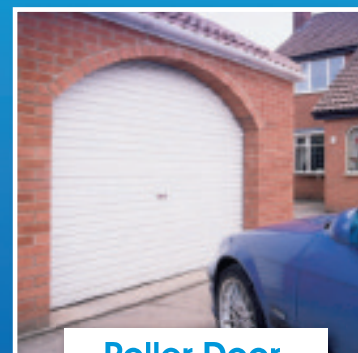
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# New chairman for hospital

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Hospital executives confirmed Alan Tobias OBE will take up his role on Thursday, December 1, following the retirement of John Bruce.

The qualified solicitor has worked in senior management in both the public and private sector.

Alan, a grandfather, previously worked as chief executive of two London boroughs over 16 years and recently became chairman of a IT company.

He also chaired Essex Probation Service for six years, was a board member of Springboard Housing

Association and a director of three charitable trusts.

Alan said: "I feel this particular experience gives me some useful understanding of the new dynamic in healthcare provision and also that my PCT background provides a different and beneficial perspective to the various challenges facing the hospital.

"I am only too well aware of the challenges facing the country as a whole, and the NHS in particular, so it won't be easy.

"I am greatly looking forward to taking the organisation forward. I would like to think that, with my previous experience in different roles, I

will be able to add value to the work of the hospital."

Alan, a devoted family man, comes to Southend from West Essex Primary Care Trust where he was trust chairman.

Outside of work, Alan is a self-confessed sports fanatic with a particular love of golf and football, as well as being an avid collector of soul music.

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# Royal Mail suspends deliveries

By Matthew Stanton

ROYAL Mail has refused to reinstate deliveries to homes off unmade roads in Benfleet - despite increased pressure from angry homeowners. The Government-owned postal service has tem-

porary suspended services to more than 100 delivery points in the town because roads are 'too dangerous'.

The main roads affected include Catherine Road, Thundersley Park Road, The Chase, Wensley Road, Windermere Road and Keswick Road.

Sally Hopkins, a spokesman for Royal Mail, claimed the condition of the roads put the safety of its postmen at risk.

She said: "In this particular case, we have reluctantly decided to

temporarily suspend deliveries to a number of addresses in a particular part of Benfleet.

"This is because the private, unpaved roads in the area are in a poor state of repair. That poor state of repair has meant some of our vehicles have been damaged and there have been some near accidents for our postmen and women.

"It is the responsibility of the residents to ensure that private roads are fit for purpose and do not constitute a safety risk. This is far from being a trivial matter and we will not compromise on the safety of our colleagues."

Royal Mail claimed it has written to all addresses and has asked residents to collect their post from Benfleet sorting office.

Bosses stressed they would only review the service once road improvements have been made.

Mother-of-one and businesswoman, Jo Sayer, 42, of Windermere Road, said: "Having no post is a nightmare. I need to organise my day around going to the sorting office and I am one of the lucky ones who can drive.

"I think the health and safety aspect of their claims is ridiculous. It is health and safety gone mad.

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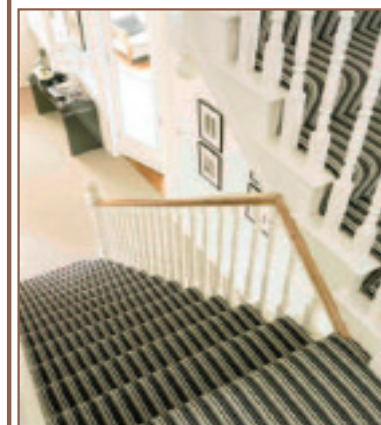
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## Opinion and readers' letters

### Leave our facilities alone

I WOULD hate to see either the Police station or the Community Centre destroyed, they are part of Leigh and make it unique, and would be very much missed.

We have been without the church hall for some time and surely the Community Centre could take its place. One idea would be to have a cinema in Leigh again, and perhaps an art gallery and other rooms could be hired for other activities.

Surely it would be much less expensive to alter an existing building than build a new one?

I am sure it would have much more character.

**V Huxter,**  
Leigh-on-Sea

### Protect Green Belt land

A CONTROVERSIAL planning application was fought and won several years ago and Green Belt land was used to build a worthy cause children's hospice that could have been built on other suitable sites that were available at the time.

Now despite spare land on the children's hospice site another Green Belt application has been made by Havens.

This time in old Leigh, and was boasted about out loud by a woman representative of Havens at a public meeting, "We have done it before" she said when challenged.

Green belt land has to be preserved when our population is expanding and two special cases are one too many.

Havens should be made to reconsider this in the public interest and build it next to the children's hospice on ground they already own.

The precedent of Havens being able to avoid the law protecting green belt land must not be allowed when there are suitable alternatives available.

**T E Carr,**  
Leigh-on-Sea

### 'Status dogs' are the problem

TO THE person who thought that a possible solution to dog mess not being picked up would be to DNA test the dogs when they're micro-chipped is not the answer.

I've been a dog owner most of my life and have always cleaned up after my pet and since it became available have

also always micro-chipped them too. However whilst walking my dog both in parks and on the streets the majority of people who don't pick up after their dogs are people with so called 'status dogs' who wouldn't care enough about their dog to micro-chip them anyway. These people are usually on benefits and are rude and aggressive and will never clean up after themselves dropping cigarette butts and even dirty nappies!

These people do not get their pets micro-chipped, they don't get their yearly booster jabs either, and their pets are not cared for properly.

I'm sick to death of people tarring responsible owners with this brush. It seems to me the same small (though increasing at an alarming rate) section of society are responsible for most of our anti-social behavioural problems. Look at those type of people! We all know who they are.

Name and e-mail address supplied

### Keep it short please

IF SOME literary society were to run a competition to find the writers of the longest sentences, I would confidently nominate John Haran for first prize. His lengthy letter about the proposed hospice on Green Belt land contained

only nine sentences, averaging 58 words each. They were full of convoluted subordinate clauses and each occupied a full paragraph. Beat that, if you can.

**Alan White,**  
Shoeburyness

### What was John saying?

I WONDERED why he had not heard from John Haran for a while; obviously he has been spending time composing his letter to the Yellow Advertiser (November 2).

By the way, does anyone know what he was trying to say?

**William Sant,**  
Southend-on-Sea

### Where is our saviour?

"COMETH the Hour, Cometh the Man" the saying goes and was there ever a more pressing need for a "saviour" to emerge to deal with the present state of our nation?

But where could he, or she, come from? Where are the likes of Aneurin Bevan or Winston Churchill, in today's political landscape?

Not, in my opinion, from any of our current political parties or politicians who have shown themselves to be deviant, self-serving pygmies when compared to men of principle and honesty from yesteryear.

Their weak-kneed acquiescence to the dictates of Europe that have changed so many facets of our country which was once the world's bedrock of freedom and independence of thought and action and so much done without a mandate to do so.

So many bitter letters in the national newspapers recently, including this week's Yellow Advertiser, protesting at a perceived "denial of democracy" in our nation and, most especially, David Cameron's reneging of his pre-election commitment for a referendum on Europe in this Parliament.

The general feeling that we are no longer masters of our own national destiny, but a powerless part of a German and French plan for those two nations to become masters of a Federal state of Europe. With many of our own politicians, deceitfully, doing all they can, without reference to the electorate, to hasten the implementation of that plan.

A final surrender of our sovereignty with the further loss of our own laws developed over generations to protect the individual.

The disgust at the excesses of bankers bonuses, despite the incompetence of their industry that lent so much money to those who were never likely to repay their debt. The burden of the "bail out" costs being dumped onto

the savings, salaries and pensions of ordinary hard-working people who had no responsibility for the cause of the banking catastrophe.

The lingering anger at the unbelievable arrogance of our own politicians when the abuses of their expenses privileges became public knowledge.

Whilst the protesters outside St. Paul's Cathedral no doubt genuinely believe they will change the way we are governed, will the sight of a few hardy souls sleeping in tents in the cold weather change the behaviour of those who govern us?

I doubt it, unless a powerful lobby can see a potential profit in joining the campaign.

"Cometh the Hour, Cometh the Man?" Can any reader nominate such a person? Wish I could - to lift us from the present national gloom when looking at our future as an independent nation with the right to govern our own affairs without interference from un-elected outsiders.

Where, now, is the lady who threw paint over Ted Heath when he first signed the Treaty of Rome?

**S Askham**  
Leigh on Sea

### Poppy Appeal is a year-long campaign

THE Poppy Appeal is not confined to the few weeks associated with Remembrance-tide in late October and early November but it is a year-long campaign.

In early October, Legion Branches can declare how much money they raised during the year.

The money is not held in Branch accounts, but must be credited, without delay to Appeal headquarters in Aylesford in Kent.

This is to ensure that it is immediately available in the benevolence account for welfare expenditure.

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The Centre in Tidworth is operational now and Colchester Centre will open in early 2012.

The Legion has pledged

£50m for operating costs over the next 10 years. The troops hopefully will be out of Afghanistan by then but support for those damaged physically, mentally and emotionally will not have ended, their longer term needs and those of their families will not end when the guns fall silent. Combat stress and illness caused through service can show up years later, as older veterans can attest to.

So the need is still great and will be for the foreseeable future.

I wish to thank everyone who has supported the cause in anyway whatsoever in the appeal year just ended.

Please continue to give the same generous support for this year's Poppy Appeal, which has started at the beginning of October.

Those in need are still there; they have not faded away yet. Thank you once again.

**John Dickson**  
The Rayleigh Royal British Legion Branch President and Poppy Appeal Organiser.

### Questions remain unanswered

PAUL Giles' article about the three partners working together to deliver the new £27million library and learning centre to be built on the site of the old Farringdon car park - Southend Council, the University of Essex and South Essex College - having now short-listed six firms with the successful bidder to be announced in January 2012, left one important question unanswered. (YA Oct 26th)

What will happen to the current library in Victoria Avenue when the new one is built?

One answer popular with many is that it be turned into a community arts centre and fine art gallery in which to display the entire Beecroft Collection - containing paintings by Constable, Rossetti and Leyden and a 19th century costume collection which attracts attention from as far away as the USA.

Only two per cent of which ever gets to see the light of day at any given time because it is currently housed in an inadequate, out of the way, Westcliff location opposite the Cliff's Pavilion.

And all this week, from Monday until Saturday, guess who's holding an exhibition in the foyer of Southend Library setting out in detail what could be, unless of course, the Council is utterly determined to flog the place off for high-rise development or something?

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**John Haran**  
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Valence House Museum is dedicated to the past of Barking and Dagenham, and is packed with fascinating facts and information on everything from the mystery of the murder of a police constable on night patrol in 1846 to life on the Beacontree Estate - once the world's largest housing development.

It has been a number of years since I have visited Valence House Museum, in Beacontree Avenue, and I was really surprised and pleased to see it has been transformed inside with new galleries.

Following an extensive refurbishment last year there are now a number of new galleries to explore, all of which have something for everyone, from adult visitors to those much younger.

Valence House, the only surviving manor house in Dagenham, dates back to Medieval times. The house, which is still partially surrounded by a moat, has been fully restored and is complete with beautiful oak-panelled rooms and even a newly discovered 400-year-old wall painting.

Inside there are a number of galleries across two floors including its Archaeology Gallery which takes you on a rapid journey through the area's past, from the time of Stone Age settlements, through the Iron Age, and the Roman and Anglo-Saxon periods, right through to medieval times. Inside the gallery there are a range of fascinating objects including a Roman sarcophagus, which is a stone coffin, as well as Medieval masonry, stone tools and a Saxon drinking glass.

Half of the gallery is dedicated to the history of Barking Abbey, the borough's largest archaeological site, which was founded in AD 666 and closed in 1539 during the reign of King Henry VIII. All that remains of the abbey, which was completely destroyed by 1541, is the medieval entrance gate to the parish churchyard known as the Curfew Tower.

Its Village Life gallery looks at times gone, when Dagenham was covered by fields and farms, and explores the rural life of Dagenham Village and the hamlets of Chadwell Heath and Beacontree. Here you will find the case of the unsolved murder of police constable, George Clark, who was killed

in 1846 while on night patrol, as well as photographs and paintings of how the area once looked, and even a model of Dagenham Village in 1945.

The museum's People and Communities gallery, which is actually named the O'Leary Gallery after chief librarian of Dagenham, John Gerard O'Leary, who founded the museum in the 1930's, is the largest gallery of them all. Not only is it packed with fascinating items, it is also home to plenty of fun things to do with the kids. There's listening posts where you can hear local people taking about their experiences as wartime evacuees, lockers where you have to solve the clues and identify the sporting hero inside and clue boxes where you have to guess the popular toy inside.

The gallery, which looks at the social history of Barking and Dagenham and how its inhabitants have made the borough what it is today, is complete with typical living room and kitchen scenes from the Beacontree Estate - at one time the world's largest housing development. There's also information on famous people from the area, displays of a range of items including boxing champion Kevin Mitchell's shorts and gloves, a Dagenham Girl Pipers uniform, Gandhi's spinning wheel and the smallest matchbox in the world, and information of working lives, health and medicine, and childhoods of the past.

The area's development from a farming area is explained in two



**HISTORICAL:** Valence House Museum is a local treasure.

galleries - the River Industries and Barking New Town galleries. The first takes a closer look at the Barking Fishing Fleet, and how a local family, called the Hewetts, transformed the entire process of North Sea fishing, and has areas dedicated to Samuel Williams, who established Dagenham Dock, and the Ford Motor Company which opened Europe's largest car plant after buying much of Dagenham Dock.

The Barking New Town gallery looks at how the area became the base for a huge range of industries, including Fosbery of Barking, which supplied lifebelts and life-jackets to the ill-fated RMS Titanic, and home to an increasing number of inhabitants.

If all this exploring works up an appetite then you can also take a seat in the adjacent Oasis Café, which offers a variety of light meals and refreshments.

As well as being open throughout the year, the museum also holds a range of special events. Up-and-coming events at Valence House Museum include a Winter Sale, which will run from 10am to 3pm on Saturday, November 26, by the Friends of Valence House, and a talk on Barking and Dagenham's twinning with Witten in Germany from 1-2.30pm on Friday, December 14. There will also be a Christmas Carol Concert from 7.30pm to 9pm on December 9, which is free.

### fact file

- **DIRECTIONS:** Valence House is located close to the junction of Valence Avenue and Beacontree Avenue, Dagenham.
- **ENTRANCE:** Admission is free but some events are ticketed. There is free parking in Valence Park, off Beacontree Avenue, and free street parking in Beacontree Avenue. Tours of the museum's galleries are held at 10.30am and 2pm on the first Saturday of every month and are free.
- **OPENING TIMES:** Valence House Museum is open from 10am to 4pm from Monday to Saturday, except public holidays.
- For further information call Valence House Museum on 020 8227 2034 or visit [www.lbdd.gov.uk/valence](http://www.lbdd.gov.uk/valence)

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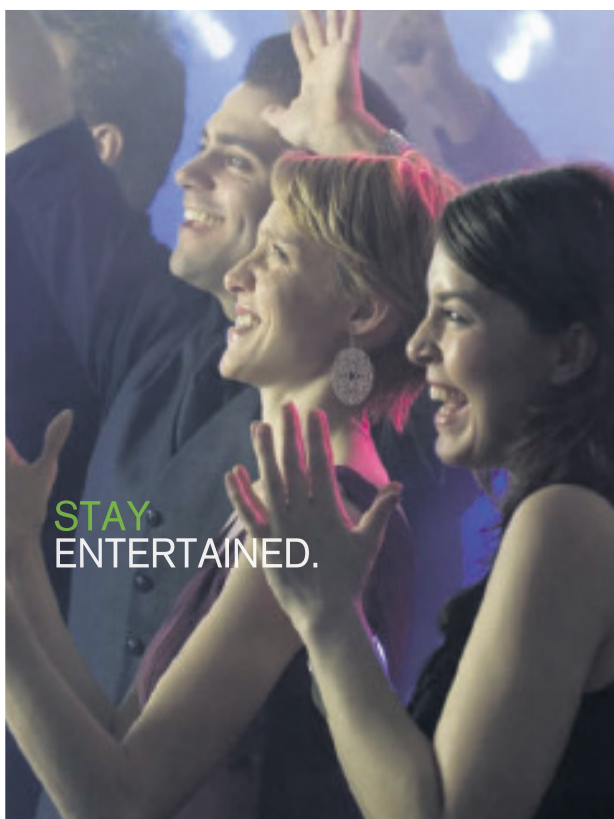
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# Time is money

**By Damon Smith**

NEW Zealand-born screenwriter Andrew Niccol has consistently conjured dark clouds with his dystopian visions of life in the 21st Century and beyond.

His debut feature Gattaca starring Ethan Hawke and Uma Thurman cast a chill with its depiction of a society determined by genetic superiority.

Niccol deservedly won an Oscar for The Truman Show, which took the concept of a Big Brother reality TV series to chilling extremes, and then he suggested that troublesome Hollywood stars could be replaced by digital actors in the comedy S1m0ne.

For his latest film, which he also directs, Niccol imagines an emotionally starved globe in which money has become obsolete and the currency is time.

People are engineered to age until they reach 25 years old, then a timer, embedded in their arm, begins to tick down second by second to their demise.

You can earn, steal or inherit more time to extend

**ACTION: Amanda Seyfried as Sylvia Weis.**  
 PA Photo/Sony Pictures

your life expectancy, leading to a vast divide between the haves and have-nots. The wealthy are essentially immortal: forever 25 years old in physical appearance, with centuries on their body clocks to squander at leisure.

Meanwhile, the poor literally live from one day to the next, unsure if they will be able to claw back enough minutes to see another sunrise.

Will Salas (Justin Timberlake) lives in the ghetto with his mother (Olivia Wilde), making ends meet by working at a factory with his best friend Borel (Johnny Galecki).

During a night out, Will has a chance encounter with handsome yet suicidal rich man Henry Hamilton (Matt Bomer).

"The day comes when you've had enough. Your mind's spent even if your body is not," laments Henry, who donates 100 years of his time to Will's body clock.

Granted access to the most exclusive parts of the city, Will learns the truth about how Philippe Weis (Vincent Kartheiser) and the men in power manipulate the populace for their own gain.

Will vows to bring down the corrupt system forging an unlikely alliance with Philippe's rebellious daughter Sylvia (Amanda Seyfried).

Meanwhile, time thief Fortis (Alex Pettyfer) and timekeeper Raymond Leon (Cillian Murphy) both hunt for Will, determined to take back the time that Henry gave away.

In Time is a neat concept, stylishly executed, with some well-orchestrated action sequences to paper over a few cracks in Niccol's logic.

Timberlake is an appealing hero, defiantly proclaiming, "No one should be immortal if even one person has to die",

between taking off his shirt and kindling smouldering screen chemistry with Seyfried, whose role is underwritten.

Kartheiser and Pettyfer are two-dimensional villains but Murphy brings depth to his hunter, who takes his role very seriously and will not allow Will to upset the status quo.

Niccol's film holds our interest, building to a satisfying if improbable close that ensures we do not feel like we have wasted 109 minutes.

**FILM FACTS**

In Time (12A, 109 mins)  
 Sci-Fi/Action/Thriller/Romance.  
 Starring: Justin Timberlake, Amanda Seyfried, Cillian Murphy, Vincent Kartheiser, Alex Pettyfer, Olivia Wilde, Johnny Galecki, Alex Pettyfer, Matt Bomer.  
 Director: Andrew Niccol.  
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**TIME: Cillian Murphy as Raymond Leon.**  
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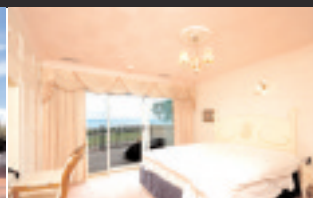
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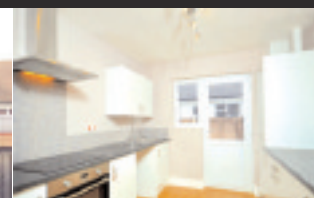
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### WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA OIEO £155,000

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## CLOSE TO STATION



### PRITTLEWELL £174,995

\* SITUATED CLOSE TO PRIORY PARK AND PRITTLEWELL MAINLINE STATION IS THIS SEMI DETACHED HOUSE \* Three bedrooms \* Lounge/ Dining area \* Kitchen \* Bathroom \* Separate wc \* Garden \* Double glazing \* Gas central heating \* No onward chain \* Ref: ETS4509

## SEMI RURAL



### ASHINGDON £225,000

\* ATTRACTIVE SEMI DETACHED CHALET BUNGALOW WHICH ENJOYS A SEMI RURAL LOCATION AND APPROX 160FT GARDEN \* Two bedrooms \* Lounge / Dining room \* Kitchen \* Utility room \* Study \* Bathroom \* Garden \* Off street parking for more than one car \* Double glazing \* Gas central heating \* Ref: ETS4494

## NEW BUILD



### SHOEBURYNESSE £349,995

\* NEARING COMPLETION IS THIS FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE \* Four bedrooms \* Lounge \* Dining room \* Study \* Choice of kitchen for a limited time \* Bathroom \* Ground floor wc \* En-suite shower room \* Garden \* Off street parking \* Double glazing \* Gas central heating \* Ref: ETS4488

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### SHOEBURYNESSE £117,995

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#### SOUTHEND-ON-SEA £395 pcm

\* FIRST FLOOR FLAT IDEALLY SITUATED FOR SOUTHEND SEAFRONT & LOCAL AMENITIES \* One double bedroom \* Lounge \* Modern fitted kitchen \* Bathroom \* Gas central heating \* Double glazing \* Unfurnished \* Quote Ref: R880

### NEWLY FITTED CARPETS



#### SOUTHEND-ON-SEA £475 pcm

\* GROUND FLOOR FLAT IN THE HEART OF SOUTHEND NEAR 'PORTERS' AND CLOSE TO SOUTHEND TOWN CENTRE AND MAINLINE STATIONS \* One double bedroom \* Lounge \* Kitchen \* Bathroom \* Off street parking \* Gas central heating \* Unfurnished \* Ref: R1161

### TOWN CENTRE LOCATION



#### SOUTHEND-ON-SEA £590 pcm

\* TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT IN THE HEART OF SOUTHEND, CLOSE TO TOWN CENTRE, MAINLINE STATIONS AND LOCAL BUS ROUTES \* One double bedroom \* One single bedroom \* Lounge \* Kitchen/ Diner \* Bathroom \* Gas central heating \* Unfurnished \* Ref: R917

### NEW INSTRUCTION



#### WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA £595 pcm

\* WELL PRESENTED SPACIOUS FIRST FLOOR FLAT CONVENIENT FOR LOCAL AMENITIES \* Two bedrooms \* One reception room \* Modern fitted kitchen \* Modern bathroom \* Double glazing \* Gas central heating \* Direct access to garden \* Unfurnished \* Ref: R1694

### NEW BUILD



#### SOUTHEND-ON-SEA £695 pcm

\* MODERN SECOND FLOOR FLAT CONVENIENT FOR LOCAL BUS ROUTES & MAINLINE STATION \* Two double bedrooms \* Lounge with balcony \* Kitchen with integrated cooker, washing machine & fridge/ freezer \* Bathroom & En-suite shower room \* Parking \* Double glazing \* Unfurnished \* Ref: R1723

### THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS



#### WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA £750 pcm

\* SPACIOUS FAMILY TERRACE HOUSE CONVENIENTLY SITUATED FOR LOCAL BUS ROUTES AND AMENITIES \* Three double bedrooms \* Through lounge/diner \* Large kitchen/breakfast room \* Bathroom \* Courtyard garden \* Mostly double glazed \* Gas central heating \* Unfurnished \* Ref: R1225

### FAMILY HOUSE



#### SOUTHEND-ON-SEA £800 pcm

\* SPACIOUS FAMILY TERRACE HOUSE IN CONVENIENT LOCATION FOR HAMLET COURT ROAD, MAINLINE STATION AND BUS ROUTES \* Three double bedrooms \* Two Reception rooms \* Kitchen \* Bathroom \* Garden \* Double glazing \* Gas central heating \* Unfurnished \* Ref: R1676

### POPULAR RESIDENTIAL AREA



#### PRITTEWELL £850 pcm

\* ATTRACTIVE SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW SITUATED IN A POPULAR RESIDENTIAL AREA CONVENIENT FOR LOCAL AMENITIES \* Three double bedrooms \* Lounge \* Kitchen with integrated oven \* Bathroom \* Garden \* Garage \* Off street parking \* Double glazing \* Gas central heating \* Unfurnished \* Ref: R1719

### BENEFITS CONSIDERED



#### SOUTHCHURCH £875 pcm

\* CHARMING THREE BEDROOM END TERRACE HOUSE CONVENIENT FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS \* Two reception rooms \* Conservatory \* Modern fitted kitchen with integrated electric oven \* Modern bathroom \* Garden \* Off street parking \* Double glazing \* Gas central heating \* Well maintained \* Unfurnished \* Ref: R1690

### CLOSE TO PRIORY PARK



#### SOUTHEND-ON-SEA £995 pcm

\* BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE IN A SOUGH AFTER LOCATION \* Close to Victoria station, local bus routes & Priory Park \* Three double bedrooms \* One single bedroom \* Three reception rooms \* Newly fitted kitchen \* Bathroom & ground floor wc \* Large garden \* Off street parking \* Double glazing \* Gas central heating \* Unfurnished \* Ref: R1489

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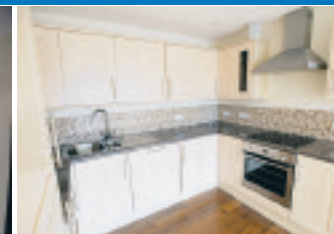
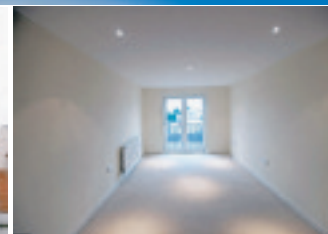
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## Hadleigh £165,000

Modern Two Bedroom First Floor Apartment - Spacious Open Plan Design - Lounge 17'4 x 9'11 - Kitchen 6'10 x 9'11 With Integrated Oven Hob, Fridge Freezer And Dishwasher - Bedroom One 17'1 x 8'10 With En-suite - Bedroom Two 13'4 x 7'6 - Allocated Off Street Parking - Video Entry System - Gift Towards Your Deposit - Viewing Advised

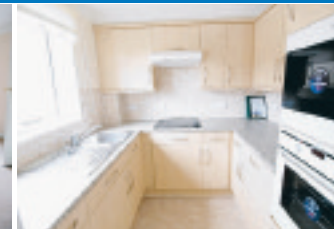
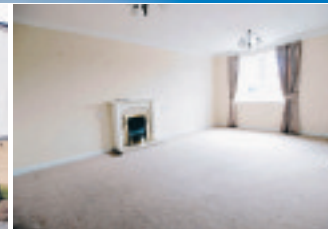
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## Leigh On Sea £425,000

\*\* Attractive Four Bedroom Detached Family Home \*\* Sitting Room 12'10 x 10'11 \*\* Lounge 21'0 x 10'11 \*\* Dining Room 10'10 x 6'11 \*\* Kitchen 17'5 x 9'11 \*\* Utility Room 7'5 x 5'6 \*\* Bedroom One 11'11 x 11'0 \*\* Dressing Room 7'5 x 6'6 \*\* En-Suite Shower Room \*\* Bedroom Two 17'5 x 9'11 \*\* Bedroom Three 12'1 x 10'11 \*\* Bedroom Four \*\* 9'11 x 7'10 \*\* Contemporary Bathroom Suite \*\* Mainly Double Glazed \*\* Gas Boiler And Radiators \*\* Extremely Sought After And Convenient Location \*\* Large Road Frontage \*\* Garage And Parking For Numerous Vehicles \*\* Sole Agents \*\* Viewing Advised \*\*

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## Hadleigh £143,950

One Bedroom First Floor Apartment - Extremely Sought After McCarthy & Stone Built Retirement Complex - Lounge 17'5 x 10'11 - Kitchen 7'3 x 7'0 - Three Piece Shower Room - Bedroom 12'2 x 9'0 - Communal Lounge - Communal Laundry Room - Guest Suite - 24 Hour Careline - Communal Gardens - Residents Parking - Extremely Well Maintained - Offered With No Onward Chain - Keys Held For Accompanied Viewings - Sole Agents - Viewing Advised

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## Thundersley £249,995

Three Bedroom Semi Detached Chalet - Deceptively Spacious Accommodation - Lounge 15'3 x 13'10 - Games Room 14'4 x 11'0 - Kitchen 13'9 x 7'4 - Dining Room 11'2 x 11'0 - Bedroom Two 14'1 x 11'2 - Bedroom Three 11'2 x 11'0 - Ground Floor Bathroom - First Floor Master Bedroom Suite 28'8 x 12'3 - En-Suite Bathroom - Good Size Rear Garden - Ample Off Street Parking - Sought After Location Within Easy Access Of Rayleigh and Thundersley - Sole Agents - Viewing Advised

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## Daws Heath, Hadleigh £345,000

Four Bedroom Detached Chalet/Bungalow - Popular Daws Heath Location - Lounge 19'6 x 12'8 - Reception/Dining Room 14'8 x 10'11 - Kitchen 10'1 x 9'11 - Lean To/Utility Area 10'5 x 4'5 - Bedroom Two 14'5 x 9'11 - Bedroom Three 13'8 x 10'3 - Bedroom Four 9'0 x 7'5 - First Floor Master Bedroom Suite 23'3 x 7'11 - Dressing Room 11'8 x 10'0 - Bathroom/W.C - Double Glazed - Full Gas Central Heating - Attached Carport With Further Parking - Attractive Rear Size Garden - Sole Agents - Viewing Advised

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## The Woods, Hadleigh £350,000

Four Bedroom Detached Family Home - One Of The Most Sought After Roads Within Hadleigh - Semi Rural Location - Lounge 22'8 x 19'8 >10'7 - Dining Room 11'0 x 10'6 - Kitchen 11'2 x 9'1 - Bedroom One 14'10 x 9'8 - Bedroom Two 10'11 x 9'8 - Bedroom Three 9'11 x 9'6 - Bedroom Four 9'6 x 9'5 - Ground Floor Shower Room - First Floor Bathroom - Double Glazed - Gas Central Heating - 110ft Rear Garden - Extremely Rare Opportunity - Convenient Location Within Easy Access Of Hadleigh Nature Reserve, Hadleigh Town Centre And Hadleigh Castle - Sole Agents - Viewing Advised

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## Daws Heath, Hadleigh £210,000

Three Bedroom Semi Detached Bungalow - Extremely Sought After Cul De Sac Location - Lounge - Kitchen - Dining Area - Bedroom One - Bedroom Two - Bedroom Three - Three Piece Bathroom Suite - Good Size Rear Garden - Easy Access Of Local Woodland - Off Street Parking - Sole Agents - Viewing Advised

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## Chase Location, Thundersley £464,995

Distinctive Detached Four Bedroom Family Home - Prestigious Chase Development Set Amongst Similar Homes - Immaculately Maintained Accommodation - Lounge 19'5 x 11'9 - Dining Room 12'1 x 9'8 - Study 13'10 x 7'7 - Kitchen 16'6 x 8'9 - Utility Room 7'5 x 5'9 - Conservatory 12'9 x 11'11 - Ground Floor Cloakroom - Master Bedroom 26'4 x 12'6 > 9'0 With Ensuite Shower Room - Bedroom Two 13'5 x 8'3 - Bedroom Three 12'6 x 9'5 - Bedroom Four 11'4 x 9'1 - Newly Installed Family Bathroom Suite - Store Room 13'11 x 8'7 - Remaining Half Of The Garage 16'10 x 7'8 - South Backing Rear Garden - Established Pond - One Of The Largest Front Gardens On The Development With Parking For Numerous Vehicles, Caravan or Boat Etc - Near John School Catchment - Extremely Sought After Location - Viewing Advised

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## Hadleigh Guide Price £160,000 - £165,000

Two Bedroom Terrace Family Home - Lounge 13'2 x 11'11 - Kitchen/Diner 14'9 x 11'9 - Bedroom One 11'11 x 11'11 - Bedroom Two 12'8 x 8'8 - First Floor Three Piece Bathroom - Garage To Rear - Double Glazed - Gas Central Heating Via Combination Boiler - Minor Refurbishment Required - Sole Agents - Convenient Location - Viewing Advised

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## Southend-on-Sea Guide Price £160,000 - £169,995

Three Bedroom Family Home - Well Maintained Accommodation - Lounge 14'8 x 11'11 - Kitchen 21'5 x 8'3 - Study/Dining Room 8'7 x 7'10 - Ground Floor Cloakroom - Bedroom One 13'6 x 10'5 - Bedroom Two 10'10 x 9'6 - Bedroom Three 10'4 x 6'8 - Three Piece Family Bathroom Suite - Convenient Location - Easy Access Of Southend Town Centre - Easy Access Of Prittlewell Station - Realistically Priced - Sole Agents - Viewing Advised

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## Benfleet £235,000

Three Bedroom Semi Detached House - Corner Plot - Attached Double Width Garage - Lounge/Diner 24'0 x 11'9 - Fully Fitted Kitchen 14'7 x 8'10 - Ground Floor Cloakroom - Bedroom One 11'9 x 11'3 - Bedroom Two 11'10 x 11'8 - Bedroom Three 9'0 x 8'4 - Family Bathroom Suite - Sole Agents - Double Glazed - Cul-De-Sac - Viewing Advised

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## Westcliff-on-Sea £124,995

Two Bedroom Ground Floor Flat - Convenient Location - Lounge 14'7 x 10'8 - Well Fitted Kitchen - Bedroom One 11'8 x 10'8 - Bedroom Two 10'6 x 8'8 - Bathroom With Separate W.C - Own Rear Garden - Easy Access Of Chalkwell Park and Local Schools - Redecorated Throughout - Double Glazing - Keys Held For Accompanied Viewings - Sole Agents - Viewing Advised

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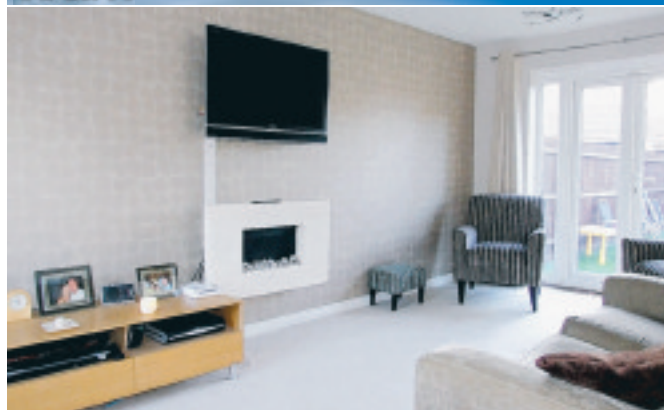
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**Rayleigh £224,950**

Three bedroom family home situated on the prestigious George Wimpey 'Coppice Gate' development at Rayleigh. The property benefits from being yards from the Asda Supermarket, Rayleigh Leisure Centre and St Nicholas Primary School. Internally the house offers bright, well presented living space. Early viewing advised.

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**Rayleigh £249,995**

Three bedroom detached family home in most sought after Little Wheatleys development close to local Countryside and train station in Rayleigh. immaculat condition, three/four bedrooms, double glazed conservatory, mews style setting, well priced to sell quickly.

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**Rayleigh £189,950**

Attractive three bedroom family home positioned within a peaceful setting close to Grove Wood School. The property features a double glazed conservatory overlooking the garden and re-fitted kitchen and bathroom suites. Outside is an attractive courtyard style garden and garage. No onward chain - Quick Sale Possible.

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**Eastwood £850 pcm**

Totally refurbished three bedroom semi detached chalet, situated within a quiet cul de sac yet close to all local amenities. This property benefits from a modern fitted kitchen & bathroom, double glazed throughout & gas central heating. Viewings strongly recommended.

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**LEIGH ON SEA £800 pcm**

Two bedroom semi detached bungalow backing onto to belfairs golf course & Hadleigh Nature Reserve. This property benefits from a fitted kitchen, three piece bathroom suite & off street parking. Viewings strongly advised.

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**Rayleigh £700 pcm**

Modern two bedroom top floor penthouse which benefits from having enjoying far reaching views, open plan lounge, two double bedrooms, allocated parking & within parking distance to Rayleigh train station and main high street. Viewings essential.

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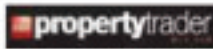
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**THUNDERSLEY****£179,995**

Three bedroom terraced house situated on a walkway location within easy access of Thundersley village amenities. Modern kitchen, double glazed, gas heating and garage. No onward chain

**THUNDERSLEY****£415,000**

Situated in a sought after location within The King John School catchment area this detached residence offers 4 bedrooms with en-suite & dressing area to master, family bathroom and ground floor cloakroom, modern kitchen/diner, lounge plus two further reception areas, garage and approx 80ft garden

**BENFLEET****£169,995**

Three bedroom semi detached bungalow with 26'10 lounge/diner, approx 70ft westerly facing rear garden, gas heating (n/t), double glazed windows and a garage. The property is situated within short walk of Robert Drake school. No onward chain.

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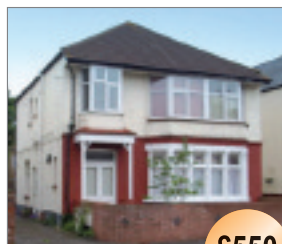
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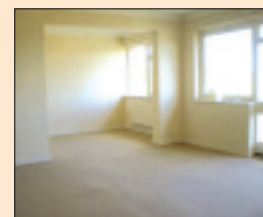
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# How do airbags work?

By Jonathan Crouch

GEN Motoring Assist member Matt Day recently wrote to the organisation to describe his first experience of an airbag doing its job admirably when he and his wife were involved in a crash that was not his fault.

He said: "We all know that the airbag is a great safety feature in our cars and, used in conjunction with a seat belt, can often save serious injury. What most of us don't know is what it's like when one goes off. We were thankful for the extremely fast deployment of the airbags.

"They seem to have deflated again before I realised they had inflated. What's more the seatbelts did their job and we didn't get thrown forward."

Matt explained that when the airbags inflated his car filled with smoke from the mini explosion, which was necessary to deploy them. "I could sense the car filling rapidly with smoke and my initial reaction was to get out. I screamed at my wife to get out too."

He said the crash made him think that there should be more information as to what exactly happens when an airbag comes into use. "In a situation where you might be best off not moving at all, especially if you are injured, your first reaction is to try and



get out of the car," he said.

So how do airbags actually work? Extremely quickly is the short answer. When one goes off, there's an explosion no louder than the sound of a paper bag being burst which propels the nylon bag towards your face. Since it's not completely gas tight, it will automatically deflate again within a split second so as not to impair your vision or hamper your escape from the car.

It doesn't hurt - volunteers describe it like being hit with a pillow - and since an airbag distributes the force of impact so evenly, it's unlikely to shatter your glasses. Even if you're smoking a pipe, there's little danger, it's likely that the

force of deceleration will have flung it from your mouth.

Typically, an airbag will be fully inflated within 30 milliseconds (0.03 secs) after the point of impact. To ensure that it doesn't go off accidentally, or trigger in minor impacts, a threshold deceleration has to be reached before the sensors activate inflation. In Europe, this can be anything from 12-20mph.

There are few recorded instances of airbags going off accidentally. They're manufactured to military equipment standards, hermetically sealed and designed to last at least ten years. Providing that the triggering mechanism is working properly, malfunctions are almost unheard of.

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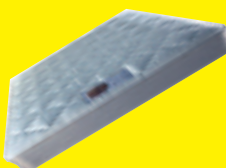


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